

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Parkin for indicating that claims 12, 23, and 29-32 are allowable. Entry of the foregoing, reexamination, and reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 27 and 28 have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). The Examiner stated that these claims are in improper form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claims. In response, the claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Claim 27 has been rewritten as claim 34 and claim 28 has been rewritten as claim 35 with claims 27 and 28 being cancelled.

CONCLUSION

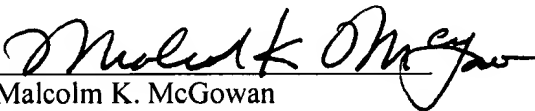
It is respectfully submitted that all objections have been overcome by the above amendments. Thus, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (202) 373-6000 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,
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